

# REMINDER FOR TEENS TURNING 18 YEARS OLD

Give this notice right away to your child who will be turning 18 years old within the next 60 days.

## **If you are 18 years old and don't have children**

You can still get cash aid as part of your parent's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, AND

Are expected to finish school before reaching 19 years old.

## **If you are 18 years old and have a child of your own and/or are pregnant**

You have a choice...

① You can continue to get cash aid as part of your parent's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, AND
- Are expected to finish school before reaching 19 years old.

If you decide to stay with your parent/caretaker's case, you do not have to do anything.

**- OR -**

② You can choose to start your own case. **Call your county worker right away if you want to start your own case.** That way you won't lose any cash aid you are eligible for.

## **Here are some things you need to know before starting your own case:**

- Your cash aid will go up in most cases.
- You do NOT have to move out of your parent/caretaker's home to be in your own case.
- Your CalWORKs time limits for getting cash aid will not start until you leave the Cal-Learn Program.
- As the head of your case, YOU must report all changes to your county worker each month.
- If you start your own case, your parent or caretaker will get less cash aid.
- If you are the only child counted in your parent or caretaker's case, they will no longer get cash aid if you start your own case.
- If the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule was applied to your child while you were a dependent minor parent, your child can be counted in your cash aid payment when you are in your own case.
- If you have questions about whether you should start your own case, call the county welfare office or local legal services office.